bring forward legislation for ensuring equal pay for equal work, especially for women;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 already provides for the payment of equal remuneration to men and women workers for performing the same work or work of a similar nature.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

News-item captioned "Steps to promote Exports"

2871. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Steps to Promote Exports" which appeared in the Patriot of the 17th September, 1985; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The Government have seen the news item captioned "Steps to promote Exports" which appeared in the Patriot of 17th September, 1985. On its part, the Government is making continuous efforts to increase India's exports. These include measures for increasing and diversifying the production, making our exports more competitive, finding new markets for our products and processing commodities for higher value realisation. The current Import-Export Policy has been formulated to give a major thrust to exports.

Grant of Loans for Commercial Vehicles

2872. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the public sector financial institutions which are providing loan to general public for purchase of commercial vehicles like matador etc. under self employment scheme in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) what is the number of applications pending in various Banks/LIC in Delhi since June, 1985 and the reasons for not granting such loans;

(c) what are the rules and guidelines for providing such loans to the public; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Central Bank of India, New Delhi stopped giving loans for the purchase of commercial vehicles etc., if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the scheme for providing self-employment to the educated unemployed youths which was introduced in the year 1983. The Self-employment Scheme extends to all areas of the country excepting cities with more than one million population as per 1981 census. Since Delhi is a city having more than one million population, it was not covered under the Scheme. The Self-employment Scheme is implemented by the commercial banks only and not Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). At the maximum amount of loan under the Scheme is Rs. 25,000/- it would not be sufficient to meet the cost of the commercial vehicles.

(d) Central Bank of India has reported that the bank has not stopped giving loans for commercial vehicles etc. However, all proposals for advances to transport operators are being forwarded to the Central Office of the bank for sanction as per the latest instructions of the bank.